

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT GAP TASK
FORCE**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David Litvack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Education Achievement Gap Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes a legislative task force to study education achievement among different groups;
- ▶ establishes task force membership, duties, rules, compensation, and staff support;
- and
- ▶ requires a report to the Education Interim Committee.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ \$14,400 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only, to fund the task force.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **Education Achievement Gap Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --
Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**



(1) There is created the Education Achievement Gap Task Force consisting of the following members:

(a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party; and

(b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than four of whom may be from the same political party.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative interim committees.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.

(1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

(a) differences in education achievement among different racial, ethnic, and income groups;

(b) reasons for differing achievement levels; and

(c) best practices to improve education achievement levels, especially of pupils at lower achievement levels.

(2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented before November 30, 2005 to the Education Interim Committee.

Section 3. Appropriation.

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 only:

(1) \$6,000 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task force; and

(2) \$8,400 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of representatives on the task force.

59 Section 4. **Repeal date.**
60 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2005.

Legislative Review Note
as of 12-21-04 2:07 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note

Education Achievement Gap Task Force

17-Jan-05

Bill Number: HB017511:33 AM

State Impact

This bill appropriates \$14,400 from the General Fund in FY 2005. The funds will be distributed \$6,000 to the Senate and \$8,400 to the House of Representatives.

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>
	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$14,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$14,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst